on the basis of available evidence for necesary action under the Customs Act, 1962. Show cause notices have also been isued to the owners of the vessel their agents at Bombay on their local agents at Cochin.

Investigations conducted also revealed that M|s Akai Impex Pvt. Ltd. have engaged in clandestine exports of goods viz. spices and export goods valued at Rs. 1.5 lakhs to South Africa. Investigations are still in progress.

(c) Goods valued at Rs. 58 lakhs have been seize by the customs authorities.

(d) Twelve persons have been arrested in this conection.

(e) Exports bound for destinations close to South Africa are kept under careful watch and closer scrutiny. Customs authorities have also taken steps to intensify their vigil in the matter.

Aid from UK for Indian Projects

2268. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government attention has been drawn to news-items to the effect that UK is giving an aid of Rs. 50 lakhs a day for various projects ;and

(b) if so, what are details of the projects being financed in the country with this 50 lakhs a day from UK?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY): (a) and (b) Yes Sir.

For the current year 1985-86, UK assistance to India, in terms of disbursements will be of the order of £115 million equivalent to about Rs. 195 crores or about Rs. 53 lakhs per day.

UK assistance available on grant terms is to be used for mutually agree projects and includes a portion for meeting local cost. Current years assistance is expected to be used *inter alia* for imports for power projects including captive power plants, coal mining project railways and oil companies as well as for local costs of poverty alleviation project such as forestry programmes and health and family welfare programmes.

Emphasis on Village and Small Scale Industries

2269. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are emphasising more on village and small scale industries during Seventh Five Year Plan; if so, what steps have been taken by Government to indentify and develop the raditional crafts which exist among the rural folk in the country; and

(b) the details thereof?